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October 18, 2010

State of California
Board of Equalization
450 N Street
Sacramento, California 94279

Document No. 21009001.3

Attention: David Gau

Regarding: Limited Fungal Growth Exposure Assessment Surveys

Day Care

#### Dear Mr. Gau:

On August 18 and September 29, 2010, industrial hygienists with Hygiene Technologies International, Inc. (HygieneTech) conducted limited fungal growth exposure assessment surveys involving the Day Care facility located within the California State Board of Equalization (BOE) building. Prior to the surveys, suspect fungal growth was identified by HygieneTech within the Day Care wall cavities that separate the cafeteria area (hallway, restroom, locker, and seating areas) western partition walls from the Day Care Kitchen and Day Care Preschool Room. The suspect fungal growth identified was observed from the cafeteria side during the August through October, 2010 weekend abatement activities that had occurred in those areas. The survey findings, along with the analytical data, conclusions, and recommendations appear below.

On the survey dates, air samples were collected for total (viable and nonviable) fungi analyses using a Zefon brand Bio-Pump<sup>™</sup> equipped with Air-O-Cell<sup>™</sup> cassettes. All such samples were subsequently analyzed for fungi (including yeasts, molds, rusts, smuts, and mushrooms) by trained and experienced microbiologists at a laboratory accredited by the American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA) and that successfully participates in the AIHA Environmental Microbiology Proficiency Analytical Testing (EMPAT) Program. The airborne fungi assessment analytical data with supporting and background information appear in the enclosed table.

As presented in Table 21009001-21, the airborne spore count data recorded on the sample dates showed mostly common fungal spore types outdoors such as *Alternaria*, ascospores, basidiospores, *Botrytis*, *Chaetomium*, *Cladosporium*, colorless spores typical of *Penicillium* and *Aspergillus* species, *Nigrospora*, *Oidium*, other brown, rusts, smuts, and/or *Stachybotrys*, with *Cladosporium* predominating. In the Day Care areas tested, the data showed low airborne concentrations of common fungal spores that included one or more of the following: *Cladosporium*, other brown, rusts, and/or smuts. The distribution of fungal spore types detected in the surveyed areas was consistent with those found outdoors, and the overall data within the tested areas were well below the overall data recorded outdoors. These data are considered unremarkable and are not believed to pose a health risk beyond that posed by the outdoor environment where exposures to airborne fungi are expected.

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Be advised that the data provided in this report only represent limited fungal growth exposure potentials that existed at the time the surveys were performed and at the precise sample locations indicated, the latter of which were selected based on the available background information provided. Note that fungal growth and exposure potentials may change due to changes in environmental conditions (such as those caused by water intrusion), use of mechanical systems, or other factors. Also be advised that additional fungal growth may exist at one or more locations in the structure that were not specifically assessed during the surveys.

If you have any comments or questions regarding the information contained in this correspondence, please feel free to contact our offices directly at (310) 370-8370.

Sincerely,

HYGIENE TECHNOLOGIES INTERNATIONAL, INC.

Kenny K. Hsi, CIH Technical Director

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TABLE 21090001-21 **AIRBORNE TOTAL FUNGI RESULTS** 1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR DAY CARE **SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER, 2010** 

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	sults reported in spor			04000004-04
SAMPLE NUMBER	21008001-15 TM01OUTLS	21008001-15 TM02LS	21009001-21 TM01OUTWF	21009001-21 TM02WF
SAMPLING LOCATION/ACTIVITIES	Outdoors; about 10 feet north of hallway; approximately five feet above ground/Normal outdoor activities	Day Care; Kitchen; about center; approximately five feet above floor/Sampling activities only	Outdoors; N Street sidewalk between 4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> Streets; about five feet above ground/Normal outdoor activities	Day Care; Kitchen; about center; approximately five feet above floor/Sampling activities only
DATE	8-18-10	8-18-10	9-29-10	9-29-10
START/STOP	18:31:00/18:36:00	18:38:00/18:43:00	17:54:00/17:59:00	18:04:00/18:09:00
SAMPLE TIME	5 minutes	5 minutes	5 minutes	5 minutes
Alternaria	110		67	
Arthrinium				
Ascospores	53		27	
Aureobasidium				
Basidiospores	1,300		290	
Bipolaris/Drechslera group				
Botrytis	13			
Chaetomium	13		93	
Cladosporium	5,600		3,400	53
Curvularia				
Fusarium				
Myrothecium				
Nigrospora			160	
Oidium	13		27	
Other brown			13	40
Other colorless				
Penicillium/Aspergillus types	320		210	
Pithomyces				
Rusts	67		27	
Smuts (Periconia, Myxomycetes)	13		210	13
Stachybotrys			13	
Stemphylium				
Torula	27		53	
Ulocladium				
Hyphal Fragments	80	<13	130	<13
Background Particulate*	3+	1+	4+	2+
TOTAL**	7,500	<13	4,600	110

<sup>\*</sup>Background Particulate is an indication of the amount of non-biological particulate matter present on the slide and is graded (from least to greatest) as 1+ to 4+.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Note that all reported counts have been rounded to no more than two significant figures based on the sampling and analytical methods used, and therefore the total count may not equal the sum of the individual counts in a column.

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	ults reported in spor	es per cubic meter o	of air (spores/M³)	
SAMPLE NUMBER	21009001-21 TM03WF			
SAMPLING LOCATION/ACTIVITIES	Day Care; Preschool Room; southeastern corner; about five feet north of sinks; approximately five feet above floor/Sampling activities only	This column intentionally left blank	This column intentionally left blank	This column intentionally left blank
DATE	9-29-10			
START/STOP	18:11:00/18:16:00			
SAMPLE TIME	5 minutes			
Alternaria				
Arthrinium				
Ascospores				
Aureobasidium				
Basidiospores				
Bipolaris/Drechslera group				
Botrytis				
Chaetomium				
Cladosporium				
Curvularia				
Fusarium				
Myrothecium				
Nigrospora				
Other brown				
Other colorless				
Penicillium/Aspergillus types				
Pithomyces				
Rusts	13			
Smuts (Periconia, Myxomycetes)				
Stachybotrys				
Stemphylium				
Torula				
Ulocladium				
Hyphal fragments	<13			
Background Particulate*	2+			
TOTAL**	13			

<sup>\*</sup>Background Particulate is an indication of the amount of non-biological particulate matter present on the slide and is graded (from least to greatest) as 1+ to 4+.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Note that all reported counts have been rounded to no more than two significant figures based on the sampling and analytical methods used, and therefore the total count may not equal the sum of the individual counts in a column.



Report for:

Mr. Wesley Frey, Mr. Larry Sandhu Hygiene Technologies International, Inc.: Northern California 3625 Del Amo Boulevard, Suite 180 Torrance, CA 90503-8370

Regarding: Project: 21008001-15

EMĹ ID: 693153

Approved by:

Lab Manager Malcolm Moody Dates of Analysis:

Spore trap analysis: 08-19-2010

Service SOPs: Spore trap analysis (1038)

For clarity, we report the number of significant digits as calculated; but, due to the nature of this type of biological data, the number of significant digits that is used for interpretation should generally be one or two. All samples were received in acceptable condition unless noted in the Report Comments portion in the body of the report. Due to the nature of the analyses performed, field blank corrections of results is not a standard practice. The results relate only to the items tested.

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C/O: Mr. Wesley Frey, Mr. Larry Sandhu

Date of Report: 08-20-2010

Re: 21008001-15

#### SPORE TRAP REPORT: NON-VIABLE METHODOLOGY

Location:	21008001-1	5-TM01OUTLS	21008001	-15-TM02LS		
Comments (see below)	]	None		A		
Lab ID-Version‡:	307	73030-1	3073031-1			
	raw ct.	spores/m3	raw ct.	spores/m3		
Alternaria	8	110				
Arthrinium						
Ascospores*	1	53				
Aureobasidium						
Basidiospores*	24	1,300				
Bipolaris/Drechslera group						
Botrytis	1	13				
Chaetomium	1	13				
Cladosporium	105	5,600				
Curvularia						
Epicoccum						
Fusarium						
Myrothecium						
Nigrospora						
Oidium	1	13				
Penicillium/Aspergillus types†	6	320				
Pithomyces						
Rusts*	5	67				
Smuts*, Periconia, Myxomycetes*	1	13				
Stachybotrys						
Stemphylium						
Torula	2	27				
Ulocladium						
Background debris (1-4+)††	3+		1+			
Hyphal fragments/m3	80		< 13			
Pollen/m3	53		< 13			
Skin cells (1-4+)	< 1+		< 1+			
Sample volume (liters)	75		75			
§ TOTAL SPORES/m3		7,500		< 13		

Comments: A) No spores detected.

Spore types listed without a count or data entry were not detected during the course of the analysis for the respective sample.

<sup>\*</sup> Most of these spore types are not seen with culturable methods (Andersen sampling), although some may appear as non-sporulating fungi. Most of the basidiospores are "mushroom" spores while the rusts and smuts are plant pathogens.

<sup>†</sup> The spores of *Aspergillus* and *Penicillium* (and others such as *Acremonium, Paecillomyces*) are small and round with very few distinguishing characteristics. They cannot be differentiated by non-viable sampling methods. Also, some species with very small spores are easily missed, and may be undercounted.

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#### MoldSCORETM: Spore Trap Report

Outdoor Sample: 21008001-15-TM01OUTLS

Fungi Identified	Ou	tdo	or	san	npl	e s	spo	res	/m3	3	Raw	Spores/
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Generally able to grow indoors*												
Alternaria											8	110
Bipolaris/Drechslera group											ND	< 13
Chaetomium											1	13
Cladosporium											105	5,600
Curvularia											ND	< 13
Nigrospora											ND	< 13
Penicillium/Aspergillus types†											6	320
Stachybotrys											ND	< 13
Torula											2	27
Seldom found growing indoors**												
Ascospores††											1	53
Basidiospores††											24	1,300
Botrytis											1	13
Oidium											1	13
Rusts											5	67
Smuts, Periconia, Myxomycetes††											1	13
Total												7,507

**Location:** 21008001-15-TM02LS

Fungi Identified	Ind	Indoor sample spores/m3				Raw	Spores/	
	<100		1K		10K	>100F	count	m3
Generally able to grow indoors*								
Alternaria				Ш			ND	< 13
Bipolaris/Drechslera group				Ш			ND	< 13
Chaetomium							ND	< 13
Cladosporium				Ш			ND	< 13
Curvularia							ND	< 13
Nigrospora							ND	< 13
Penicillium/Aspergillus types†							ND	< 13
Stachybotrys							ND	< 13
Torula							ND	< 13
Seldom found growing indoors**								
Ascospores††							ND	< 13
Basidiospores††							ND	< 13
Rusts							ND	< 13
Smuts, Periconia, Myxomycetes††							ND	< 13
Total								N/A

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#### MoldSCORETM: Spore Trap Report

\*The spores in this category are generally capable of growing on wet building materials in addition to growing outdoors. Building related growth is dependent upon the fungal type, moisture level, type of material, and other factors. *Cladosporium* is one of the predominant spore types worldwide and is frequently present in high numbers. *Penicillium/Aspergillus* species colonize both outdoor and indoor wet surfaces rapidly and are very easily dispersed. Other genera are usually present in lesser numbers.

\*\*These fungi are generally not found growing on wet building materials. For example, the rusts and smuts are obligate plant pathogens. However, in each group there are notable exceptions. For example, agents of wood decay are members of the basidiomycetes and high counts of a single morphological type of basidiospore on an inside sample should be considered significant.

†The spores of Aspergillus and Penicillium (and others such as Acremonium, Paecilomyces) are small and round with very few distinguishing characteristics. They cannot be differentiated by non-viable sampling methods.

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‡Rated on a scale from 100 to 300. A rating less than 150 is low and indicates a low probability of spores originating inside. A rating greater than 250 is high and indicates a high probability that the spores originated from inside, presumably from indoor mold growth. A rating between 150 and 250 indicates a moderate likelihood of indoor fungal growth. MoldSCORE is NOT intended for wall cavity samples. It is intended for ambient air samples in residences. Using the analysis on other samples (like wall cavity samples) will lead to misleading results.

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Report for:

Mr. Wesley Frey, Mr. Larry Sandhu Hygiene Technologies International, Inc.: Northern California 3625 Del Amo Boulevard, Suite 180 Torrance, CA 90503-8370

Regarding: Project: 21009001-21

EMĹ ID: 709796

Approved by:

Lab Manager Malcolm Moody Dates of Analysis:

Spore trap analysis: 10-04-2010

Service SOPs: Spore trap analysis (1038)

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Date of Receipt: 10-01-2010

C/O: Mr. Wesley Frey, Mr. Larry Sandhu

Date of Report: 10-04-2010

Re: 21009001-21

#### SPORE TRAP REPORT: NON-VIABLE METHODOLOGY

Location:	21009001-2	21TM01OutWF	21009001	-21TM02WF	21009001-21TM03WF	
Comments (see below)	N	None	N	Vone	None	
Lab ID-Version‡:	3145943-1		314	5944-1	3145945-1	
	raw ct.	spores/m3	raw ct.	spores/m3	raw ct.	spores/m3
Alternaria	5	67				
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Epicoccum						
Fusarium						
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Pithomyces						
Rusts*	2	27			1	13
Smuts*, Periconia, Myxomycetes*	16	210	1	13		
Stachybotrys	1	13				
Stemphylium						
Torula	4	53				
Ulocladium						
Background debris (1-4+)††	4+		2+		2+	
Hyphal fragments/m3	130		< 13		< 13	
Pollen/m3	150		13		13	
Skin cells (1-4+)	< 1+		1+		1+	
Sample volume (liters)	75		75		75	
§ TOTAL SPORES/m3		4,600		110		13

#### **Comments:**

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